



"Byron turned what had been the fishing report into fishing sports news ... he's had a major impact."

- Novelist Randy Wayne White about colleague Byron Stout. At one time both were newspaper reporters and licensed fishing guides.



Byron Stout has spent the last 70 years fishing. For more than half that time he's also written about it.

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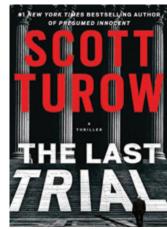
HERAPISTS ARE UNPREDICTABLE. And sometimes mercurial, inspiring, demanding and downright dangerous. Also peerlessly beautiful, at least in

Byron Stout's view. The first time he met his therapist (he thinks of her as a muse) he'd turned 6 just the day before. Outfitted in shiny new birthday cowboy boots, his first ever, young Byron was investigating a water-filled ditch

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Above: Mr. Stout holding a "short-timer's stick" in Vietnam, in 1968.

At left: Byron and a snook. "You can be standing right next to him and he'll out-catch you threeto-one," says his brother, Nate.



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Foam recycling now available in Collier

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Collier County began offering polystyrene foam recycling starting Oct. 1, at the North Collier Recycling Drop-Off Center, 9950 Goodlette-Frank Rd. Collier is a leading Florida county in providing this service to its residents. This important initiative will keep foam out of the landfill and help preserve the environment. Residents and commercial customers can drop off foam products at the center free of charge. The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Most foam products with a number six recycling symbol can now be recycled,

including clean takeout containers, coolers, and egg cartons. Packing peanuts cannot be accepted for recycling and should not be placed in curbside recycling containers with the yellow tops.

Collier County's foam recycling pilot program was made possible by a \$50,000 grant from the Foam Recycling Coalition. The grant was used to purchase a foam densifier. The machine compresses foam into blocks, which are then sold to a vendor for collection and resale.



For more details on foam recycling and how you can help keep Collier green, visit colliercountyfl.gov/recycle or call 239-252-7575.

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Blue Zones director named in **Top 25 Innovators in Healthcare**

Deb Logan, Executive Director for Blue Zones Project Southwest Florida recently received national recognition as a Top 25 Innovator in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare.

Since 2019, Modern Healthcare has honored the industry's top 25 innovators who are driving change across health care to promote quality, affordability, accessibility, and sustainability. Each honoree is distinguished for instituting innovation and leading transformative programs that improve care by achieving measurable results and contributing to the clinical and financial goals of their organization.

"I am incredibly humbled and honored to have received this award, recognized as a 'we' award and not 'me'," says Ms. Logan. "Blue Zones Project—SWFL's meaningful work and impact would not be possible without the generous and visionary leadership of NCH Healthcare System.'

For more than five years, Ms. Logan has led the BZP Southwest Florida team which touches more than 225,000 lives and covers a geographic area larger than Delaware - to improve wellbeing among residents by transforming the places they live, work, and play.

Brought to Southwest Florida by NCH Healthcare System, in collaboration with

Sharecare, Inc. and Blue Zones, LLC, Top 25 Innovator in Healthcare by BZP is a vital part of Southwest Flori- Modern Healthcare, visit www.modernda's well-being improvement initiative healthcare.com/awards/top-25-innovathat encourages changes in the com- tors-2020.



COURTESY PHOTO but it is important to me that this is $\hfill \mbox{ Deb Logan is the executive director for Blue Zones}$ Project Southwest Florida.

munity that lead to healthier options. Prior to the BZP-led transformation, the Southwest Florida metropolitan area which includes Naples, Immokalee, and Marco Island - ranked 73rd in the nation for overall well-being in 2011. In recent years, the community has led the nation, achieving the best Well-Being Index scores in the U.S. for several consecutive years. For more information about Blue Zones Project South-

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